



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Ogallala Police Department and DEA, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** An indictment has been unsealed charging Jeffrey VanVelson with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute and the Forfeiture of \$1021 in U.S. Currency.

The indictment charges that Jeffrey VanVelson of Ogallala, Nebraska was in possession of 40.1 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute that methamphetamine. Jeffrey VanVelson is also charged with being in possession of \$1021 in U.S. Currency obtained from or used for the purpose of purchasing or proceeds of the sale of controlled substances.

**Name of Defendant:**

Jeffrey VanVelson

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Possession with intent to distribute Methamphetamine, punishable by up to 20 years in prison a \$1,000,000 (one million dollar) fine, 3 years of Supervised Release and a \$100 special assessment. Count II is a forfeiture count in which if the defendant were to be found guilty he would forfeit any rights that he may have pertaining to the \$1021 in U.S. Currency.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Ogallala, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Ogallala, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** 40.1 grams of Methamphetamine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** n/a

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** December 7, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** February 24, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** February 18, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** February 25, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):**

**Sentencing Date:**

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** Trial is scheduled for April 20, 2009 at 9:00am

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Magistrate Judge Thalken

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Released from Custody

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** District Judge Joseph Battalion

**Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** JCD